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TED / TEDX talks you might want to watch

Below are links to some thought-provoking TED talk VIDEOS*

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How The Warrior Mindset Shapes Law Enforcement

Mending Broken Trust: Police & The Communities They Serve

Drugs, "Thugs", and Other Things We Are Taught to Fear

Behind The Badge

Us Versus Them

Problem Oriented Policing: Where Social Work Meets Law Enforcement

The slots are spinning, but are officials also spinning when it comes to crime?

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. —

Massachusetts is taking a gamble on casinos and 5 Investigates is poring through police data to see if all the rhetoric matches reality, and asking a key question: Will state and local officials really be candid when it comes to crime in and around casinos?

The slots are already spinning at MGM Springfield casino and so, it appears, are the Springfield police.

“I think it's going to be awesome for Springfield,” said Lt. Brian Beliveau.

The upbeat talk about the new casino and a lack of crime in and around the facility comes in a city USA Today recently ranked as the worst place to live in Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, Springfield police told the local newspaper last month there has been no spike in crime since the casino opened in August.

“It sounds like you're spinning a yarn, but the truth of the matter is, nothing's going on,” Beliveau said.]

Seattle Man Accused of Hate Crime Attack Near Los Angeles Synagogue

(CNN) A Seattle man was charged Tuesday with a hate crime after prosecutors say he tried to run down two men outside of a Los Angeles synagogue.

Mohamed Mohamed, 32, yelled religious epithets at the men out of his car

window, and tried to hit them on Friday in the city's Hancock Park neighborhood, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office. The victims, who were walking on a sidewalk, were unharmed.
Mohamed drove away and crashed into another vehicle shortly after, police said. He was arrested at the scene.

Authorities Describe ‘Confusion and Chaos’ at Borderline Bar Shooting in California

"Confusion and chaos" was how Ventura County Sheriff Bill Ayub described the immediate aftermath of the mass shooting at the Borderline Bar and Grill on November 7. Much is still unknown, including the motives of the shooter, Ian

David Long. But, on Tuesday, the Sheriff and other public officials were able to divulge a few more details about their investigation

New York Woman Pleads Guilty to Providing Material Support to ISIS

Zoobia Shahnaz, 27, of Brentwood, New York, pleaded guilty to providing material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist organization.

Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers, U.S. Attorney Richard P. Donoghue for the Eastern District of New York, Assistant Director in Charge William F. Sweeney, Jr. for the FBI's New York Field Office, and

Commissioner James P. O'Neill for the NYPD announced the guilty plea. The guilty plea was entered before U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert.

Twin Brothers Plead Guilty to Bronx Bomb-Making Plot

A former schoolteacher and his twin brother pleaded guilty on Monday to federal conspiracy and bomb-making charges, admitting in court that they had stockpiled explosive material in their Bronx apartment.

The former teacher, Christian Toro, 28, paid at least two students about $50 an hour to break apart fireworks, extract the explosive powder and store it in

containers, the authorities had said.

Two Iranian Men Indicted for Deploying Ransomware to Extort Hospitals, Municipalities, and Public Institutions, Causing Over $30 Million in Losses

A federal grand jury returned an indictment unsealed today in Newark, New Jersey charging Faramarz Shahi Savandi, 34, and Mohammad Mehdi Shah Mansouri, 27, both of Iran, in a 34-month-long international computer hacking and extortion scheme involving the deployment of sophisticated ransomware, announced Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein, Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito for the District of New Jersey and Executive

Assistant Director Amy S. Hess of the FBI.

President and CEO of Las Vegas Investment Company Convicted of $1.5 Billion Ponzi Scheme

The former president and CEO of MRI International Inc. (MRI), a purported investment company and medical collections business located in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Tokyo, Japan, was convicted yesterday for his role in a $1.5 billion Ponzi scheme.

Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Dayle Elieson of the District of Nevada and Special Agent in Charge Aaron C. Rouse of the FBI's Las Vegas Division made the announcement.

Three Senior Executives at Defense Contracting Firms Charged with Scheme to Defraud the U.S. Military in Connection with $8 Billion Troop Supply Contract and with Violating the Iran Sanctions Regime

Three men were charged in an indictment returned Nov. 27 for their roles in a scheme to defraud U.S. Military contracts in Afghanistan, engaging in illegal commerce in Iran, and laundering money internationally. Their conduct was in connection to two multi-million dollar contracts to provide supplies and logistical support to U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, Special Agent in Charge Patrick J. Lechleitner of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Washington, D.C. and Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) John F. Sopko made the announcement.

Madoff's Victims Get More Money 10 Years After His Arrest

Victims of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme will soon receive $695.3 million more from a government compensation fund, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Thursday, less than two weeks before the 10th anniversary of the swindler's arrest.

The payout, to more than 27,300 victims, is the third from the Madoff Victim Fund, which has roughly $4 billion and was set up in November 2013 to help individuals, schools, charities, pension plans and others recoup their losses from the fraud.

Marriott reveals data breach of 500 million Starwood guests

*New York (CNN Business)*Marriott says its guest reservation system has been hacked, potentially exposing the personal information of approximately 500 million guests.

The hotel chain said Friday the hack affects its Starwood reservation database, a group of hotels it bought in 2016 that includes the St. Regis, Westin, Sheraton and W Hotels.

Marriott said hackers had gained "unauthorized access" to the Starwood reservation system since 2014, but the company only identified the issue last week.

"The company recently discovered that an unauthorized party had copied and

encrypted information, and took steps towards removing it," Marriott said in a statement.

How Technology Created A Lonely Workplace

Like many entrepreneurs around the world, I regularly collaborate with a remote team. It allows me to save time, extend our talent pool and gain flexibility. This workplace situation has become commonplace regardless of company size, geography and industry.

A study by the Global Leadership Summit found that about a third of the global workforce will be remote in the next two years. After over seven years of remote working, I've realized how isolated, lonely and disengaged I've become

in this work situation. Even despite being highly productive, it always feels like something is missing when I don't see my colleagues.

Indonesia Deepens Cooperation with The U.S. In the Fight Against Terror

On the sidelines of the 87th Interpol General Assembly on 18-21 November 2018 in Dubai, the US and Indonesia reached an agreement to strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism efforts. The new ties focus on cybersecurity and further strengthening Indonesia's already established counter-terrorism strategy.

In addition, Indonesia's National Police have also held a bilateral meeting with Hong Kong to reinforce efforts designed to curb the spread of terrorism that once again haunts the region.

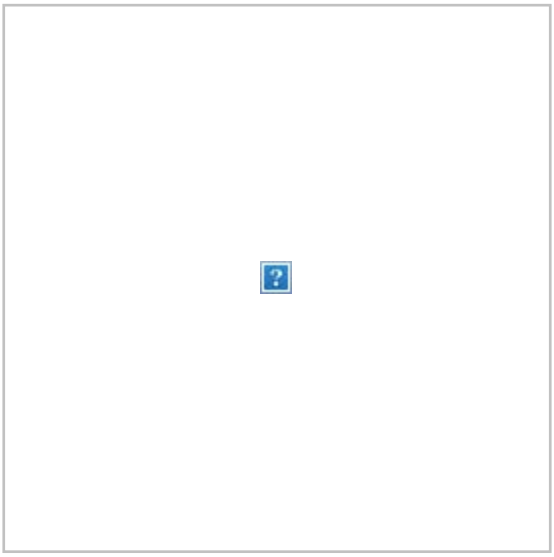
The 2018 terror attacks in Indonesia were a new breed of terrorism

Should Social Media Check Be Required to Get A Gun License?

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) -- Should authorities be able to deny handgun licenses for hateful tweets?

A New York lawmaker is raising the question with a bill that would require police to scrutinize the social media activity and online searches of handgun license applicants, and disqualify those who have published violent or hateful posts.

Unlocking the secret phone codes used by teens



Your teenagers may be using a secret language with other teens — and strangers.

It's full of acronyms and pictures that have coded meanings — many of them sexual — and many parents are discovering they are outmatched trying to stop it.

Socialbakers Releases 2019 Social Media Trends Report; Offers A Deep Dive into What's Hot, What's Not on Social Media

LAS VEGAS - Technology and good old-fashioned crime fighting are crossing paths in the newest section of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

8 News NOW Reporter Patrick Walker got an exclusive look at the Technical Operations Section, which is a growing part of Metro Police's crime-fighting family.

Commentary: White Nationalist Groups Are Really Street Gangs And Should Be Treated As Such By Police

For the last two decades, local police and the FBI have categorized the criminal activities of white power groups as isolated incidents or hate-related.

We believe that's wrong and leads to a lack of understanding of the power of these groups and the direction they are taking. It also leads to the under-policing of these groups.

Operation 'Naughty Not Nice' nabs 103 people in human trafficking investigation

Charges for those arrested include soliciting another for prostitution, deriving support from proceeds of prostitution, transporting to building for prostitution and using a communication device to commit a felony.

Detectives said they worked closely with “One More Child” (organization that provides help to families in need) and the Department of Children and Families during the operation.

Eleven Illegal Chinese Workers Arrested and 40 on the Run After Death on Japanese Construction Site

Japanese police are investigating a possible human trafficking ring after arresting 11 Chinese construction workers over visa violations and finding that 46 other laborers appear to have fled.

About 60 Chinese laborers arrived in September and were dispatched to the island of Hokkaido from a company near Tokyo to build a giant solar power plant, according to Japanese reports.

Some of those detained by Japanese authorities have said they were “deceived” by an intermediary about the work involved in Japan.

The Family Circle of Separation

What are the laws on minors and human trafficking at the border?

U.S. immigration policy is a swirling sea of contention. It rouses ire with every viral photo of an immigrant child in a detention center or escaping a cloud of tear gas. Children separated from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border is another apple of discord on the American conscience. President Trump seeks to mitigate the controversy. But how?

The Trump administration has pointed to a 20-year-old court agreement known as the Flores Settlement and a 10-year-old human trafficking law to explain the current climate.

Snapchat, Social Media Threats Toward Colorado Schools Increasingly Causing Panic, Headaches for Students, Staff and Police

An anonymous threat this year that bombs had been planted at a handful of Jefferson County schools, and were set to detonate randomly the following day, led authorities to search more than 35 campuses for explosives. They found none.

Those Feb. 5 threats against schools in Golden and Arvada, reported to Colorado's Safe2Tell network, came via disguised internet addresses that investigators traced to locations outside the country, and were serviced by a subsidiary of "a large United States-based social media company," according to Jefferson County sheriff's records.

The intelligence community can do more to help turn back the opioid crisis

CIA Director Gina Haspel recently told an audience at the University of Louisville that the CIA plans to increase its investment in counternarcotics efforts. This is a welcome announcement.

Ms. Haspel said, “No foreign challenge has had a more direct and devastating impact on American families and communities…than the flow of opioids and other drugs into our country.” She noted that “this terrible threat has killed far

more Americans than any terrorist group.”

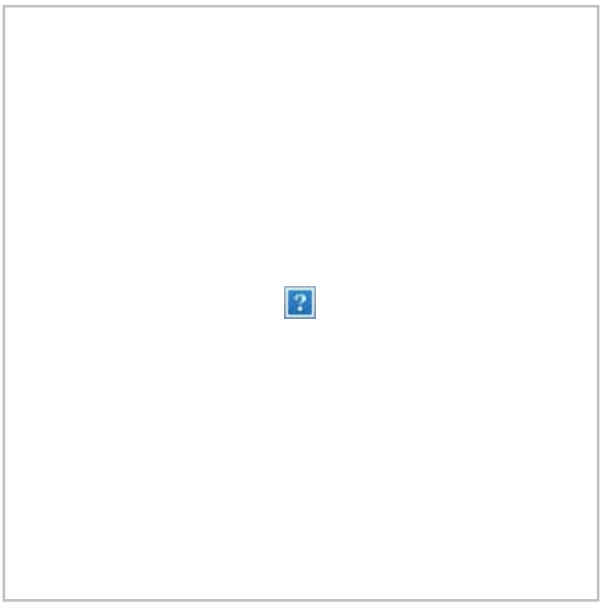
Santa Fe police’s criminal intelligence unit keeps eye on crime

Tucked away on the second floor of the Santa Fe Police Department headquarters, two detectives and a criminal intelligence officer are keeping tabs on the city.

Computer monitors in the small room outnumber officers 5-to-1, and seven flat-screen TVs flank the walls, all displaying a steady stream of local and national news, police dispatch calls and surveillance video.

This inconspicuous place is the Santa Fe Police Department's Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Center — the hub of a concept cops call "intelligence-led policing."

Dems demand info on law enforcement's use of Amazon facial recognition tool



A group of Democratic lawmakers are demanding more answers from Amazon about its contracts to provide law enforcement agencies with facial recognition technology.

The group sent a letter to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos on Thursday saying that the company's previous explanations to Congress about its Rekognition software were inadequate. Democratic lawmakers expressed concern about the potential threat the technology poses to civil liberties in the hands of police.

Australia Set to Be First to Okay Law Enforcement's Access to Encrypted Messages

Australia’s government is working on world-first legislation that would force technology companies to help police comb through citizens’ encrypted messages in the course of investigation. According to Attorney-General Christian Porter, many of those involved in terrorist plots and high-profile organised crime use encrypted messaging apps such as WhatsApp and Viber.

In a deal clinched by Porter and his shadow, Mark Dreyfus, authorities have agreed to limit the aforementioned regulation to probe for ‘serious offences’, such as terrorism, child sex, drug and gun crimes. The opposition, meanwhile, has voiced concern that the laws sound too broad and want to restrict the powers to federal agencies, rather than state police. In wake of the Bourke Street attack in Melbourne last month, the coalition had been pressuring Labour to support the legislation before parliament meets for a final sitting before Christmas on Thursday.

Killings of Journalists Show the Bloody Fingerprints of Organized Crime

In Mexico, journalists have been killed by arson, gunned down at a cafe and shot execution-style while out at a bar. In Malta, one was killed by a bomb hidden in her car. In Ecuador, two were kidnapped and killed by a drug cartel, and in India, one was killed after exposing a “sand mafia” that sold dirt to real estate developers.

The last two years have been deadly for journalists, with 31 murdered around the world this year alone, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

But a report released this past week by Reporters Without Borders documented more than two dozen who had been killed by members of organized crime since the start of 2017, including fatal attacks in Mexico and Europe that underscored the entrenched power of criminal syndicates around the world.

Amid Raj Grewal gambling furor, Liberal organized crime deputy admits no 'clear answer' to questions

Questions continue to swirl around exactly what and when the Liberals knew about reports of an RCMP probe into the gambling activity of their colleague, Raj Grewal, but there is no "clear answer."

In an interview with the West Block's Mercedes Stephenson, the parliamentary secretary for organized crime said he couldn't answer questions about where the millions used in gambling activities and debt racked up by Grewal came from and was learning about the furor from media reports.

The Trump Administration Makes Bold Move to End Human Trafficking Ivanka Trump Writes

On Thursday, the Trump Administration took action to hold world governments that consistently fail to meet the minimum standards for preventing human

trafficking, accountable.

According to an Op-Ed written by the president's daughter Ivanka Trump, published in the Washington Post, the Trump Administration announced that the U.S. will be limiting the national-interest waivers issued and restricting types of foreign assistance given to almost two dozen countries which the State Department's Trafficking in Persons Report have identified as "Tier 3."

Ivanka explains that the Trafficking in Persons Report is known as the world's most comprehensive resource for tracking government efforts to end human trafficking. The report ranks countries by using a three-tier system which points out best practices and governments strengths and weaknesses in regard to anti-trafficking efforts.

Countries placed in the "Tier 3" category are those that have not met the minimum standards for prevention and have not made a notable effort to protect trafficking victims, penalize traffickers or prevent human trafficking altogether.

The Spartans Were Morons

Let’s face it, the Spartans were morons.

If I never have look at another military or police morale patch, challenge coin, T-shirt, or logo with a Spartan helmet on it that would be just fine, thanks.

Propped up by bombastically entertaining fodder such as the movie “300” and the presence of “Gates of Fire” on professional reading lists, the exploits of the ancient Spartans loom large in the modern warriors imagination.

The heroic tale of elite warriors fighting to their deaths at Thermopylae to protect an early democracy and stop a massive slave army has four major flaws. People who imagine themselves inheritors of their traditions usually overlook these.

Why are you still a Cop?

After a far too short night's sleep, you pull yourself out of bed. There's enough time to jump in the shower and put on your uniform. The family is sitting at the kitchen table having spaghetti with your favorite garlic bread. Your seat is empty, not even a place setting to mark your existence.

You grab your thermos of coffee that your spouse thoughtfully prepared for you even though she had her hands full with her job, the kids, making them dinner, and doing a little shopping. You tell everyone to be good and that you love them. Working around the table you kiss each of the kids on the head and your wife gives you a better kiss while she feeds the baby. Within seconds you're out

the door and off to work a twelve-hour shift.

You tune the radio to the news to get the weather. You want to be prepared for whatever hits you tonight. Fifty percent chance of rain. The news continues with a story about a demonstration today by the school teacher's union. Several of the speakers accuse police officers of being racist pigs killing their students. You change stations to some music.

Where are the Facts?

Imagine walking down the hallway of your local high school and seeing projects and pictures made by students exhibiting false claims and condemning your profession. How would that make you feel? Blue Lives Matter recently reported

on a disturbing display in a Michigan high school where posters made by students cover the walls showing images of police brutality. These were part of a final assignment based on the Fourth and Fifth Amendments. When addressing the matter, the school Superintendent, Renae Galsterer, claims that the intent was not disrespect. On the contrary, as an educator you know exactly what you are doing when you create an assignment and present it to your students. You are fully aware of the consequences of your classroom actions.

A Message to Police Officers: Never Grow Weary

It's time for police officers to take a stand. We are tired of this job destroying our personal lives, our families, our livelihood, and our marriages. We are tired

of turning to alcohol and prescription drugs. We are tired of the abuse of society and the toll it takes on our hearts. We are tired of the self-destruction we see so many of our brothers and sisters fall into as a result of the despair they face. We are constantly reminded of the risk of serving behind the badge as we are bombarded by Facebook posts informing of those officers who have fallen. Our hearts weigh even more heavily when we hear about another officer who has ended their life at their own hand.

Top 10 Things Your Dispatcher Wants You to Know

1. We are doing more things than you know. We might be answering the

phones and working a radio channel, too. When you make a traffic stop, we are running the plate, the owner, checking for warrants, local history, seeing where your closest backup is…..all while other officers are calling in other things on the radio.

2. When the radio is so busy that you can't get on, that does not mean it will be quicker to call on the phone or send an MDT message. You will encounter the rarely seen creature known as a stressed out, irritated dispatcher.

3. When you use the radio, the planets must be properly aligned and the position of your mic must be just the right distance away from your mouth. We cannot understand you if the mic is shoved halfway down your throat, or if you refuse to pick up your mic and you sound like you're half of a football field away.

4. We are nosy. That is in our nature and that's part of what makes us good dispatchers. However, when we want to know what happened with a call, please remember that we get half of a story. We don't get closure unless it comes from you. We aren't trying to be pests.

5. Never refer to your dispatcher as "just a dispatcher". This will bring out someone you probably don't want to encounter anytime soon. It will also get you every barking dog call we can find within a matter of minutes. There will be no escape.

6. We are the messengers. Don't kill us. If someone asks for an officer, regardless of what it's for, we are going to send you. What you do with it is up to you, but we have to do our job

7. We want you to come in and sit with us for a shift. We get tired of hearing that a trained monkey could do our job and that all we do is sit on our butts for the entire shift. Seriously, please come in and experience what we do.

8. We are human, too. Once we dispatch you to a call, it's not over for us. We have emotionally invested ourselves in that call, and our feelings are as strong as if we were there in person.

9. We celebrate when you do. We are frustrated when you are. We cry when you do. We have PTSD, we have sleep disorders, we have problems at home. We are all the same as you, yet made to feel different.

10. We are your lifeline. You are our number one priority. We can be your best friend, or your worst enemy, but our goal remains the same….to get you home

to your families at the end of every shift. We bleed blue, our tears are blue. We would lay down our lives for you.

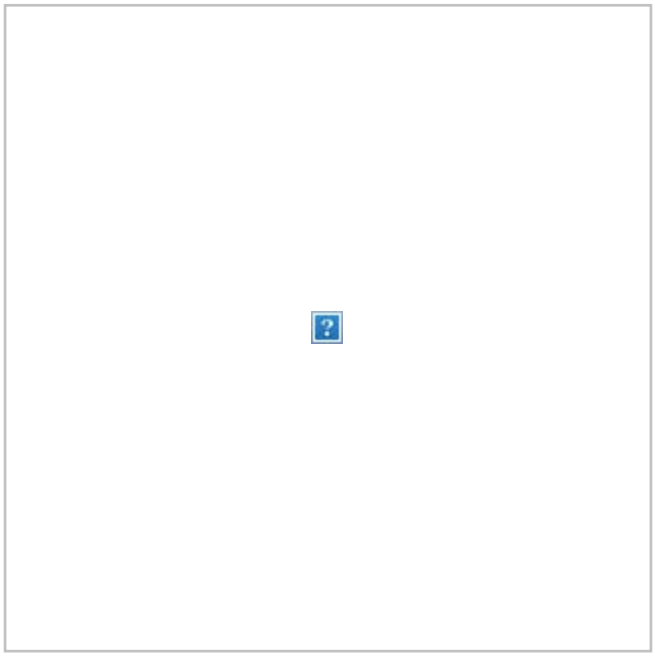
And dispatchers, this works both ways for it to be effective.

The purpose of this report is to provide guidance to law enforcement agencies across the country, of various sizes and types, with guidance about how to create programs for building strong relationships with immigrant communities.

For a generation or more, police departments have been striving to establish closer ties with all of the different groups of people who make up their total community. Immigrant communities often require special attention, because over the last decade and especially in the last several years, immigration enforcement has been at the forefront of the nation's political agenda. At the

state level, political leaders have introduced legislation that governs the ways in which local police interact with immigrants in their jurisdiction.

Bell Delivers First 505 For Law Enforcement



A law enforcement-configured Bell 505 Jet Ranger X has been delivered to the Sacramento Police Department, Bell announced on Monday. It was the first 505 Jet Ranger X sold to any law-enforcement agency, according to Bell. The aircraft had several modifications to be prepared for police work, including high skid gear, hard points fore and aft for securing equipment, and ergonomic seats for comfort on long flights, such as when searching for suspects or missing people. Bell says the 505 can seat up to five and is designed to be “safe and easy to fly.”

New study on shooting accuracy: How does your agency stack up?

The newest study of police shooting accuracy in deadly force encounters reflects the experience of just one municipal department. But to whatever extent the findings can be generalized, the picture is indeed a disturbing one.

Researchers analyzed 149 real-life OISs recorded over a 15-year period by Dallas (TX) PD. In nearly half of these encounters, officers firing at a single suspect delivered “complete inaccuracy.” That is, they missed the target entirely.

In 15 incidents, the total number of rounds fired could not be determined. But in the 134 cases where researchers could establish that figure, they calculated the hit rate, “incredibly,” at merely 35 percent. In other words, more than six out of 10 rounds fired were misses.

Upcoming Training / Conferences

Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Units (LEIU) Training (2019). Orlando, FL. April 29-May 3, 2019
- http://leiu.org/training/event/2019

International Conference on Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism (ICTOCT). Uncasville, Connecticut. April 22-26, 2019. https://www.ictoct.com/asian-organized-crime.html

International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. June 25-28, 2019
- https://www.iaclea.org/iaclea-2018-annual-conference

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